

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No.

PCT/EP 02/07303

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C07D209/48 C11D3/28

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

CHEM ABS Data, EPO-Internal, BEILSTEIN Data, WPI Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	EP 0 780 374 B (AUSIMONT SPA) 3 April 2002 (2002-04-03) cited in the application the whole document ---	1-28
X	FEEDER, N. ET AL: "Four.omega.-phthalimidoaliphatic peracids" ACTA CRYSTALLOGRAPHICA, SECTION C: CRYSTAL STRUCTURE COMMUNICATIONS (1996), C52(6), 1516-1520 , XP009018676 page 1519 -page 1520 -----	1-28

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1(part), 3-28(part)
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 1(part), 3-28(part)

The general family of compounds disclosed in claim 1 and the process to prepare them is known from e.g. EP 0780374 as indicated by the applicant on page 3 line 2 of the specification.

The only characterizing feature according to claim 1 lies in a specific adsorption shift measured by Infrared Surface spectroscopy for the crystals obtained leading to the discovery of a new crystal form of the compounds of formula (I).

It is not scientifically credible and anyhow supported by the present application (Art. 5 PCT) that all the compounds of formula (I) possess an "alpha" form possessing the property claimed in the present application and furthermore that they are all characterised by the specific absorption shift value disclosed in claim 1.

In fact, the claims contain so many compounds for which a crystalline form alpha is not defined that a lack of conciseness within the meaning of Article 6 PCT arises to such an extent as to render a meaningful search of the claims impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the application which do appear to be concise, namely to those part of claims 1, 3-28 relating to the specific compound epsilon-phthalimido-perxyhexanoic acid as mentioned in claim 2 and in the examples.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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